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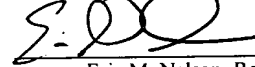
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Mikio Fukumura
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METHOD OF
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicant respectfully submits the following amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.